FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Plan Cattle Grub Prevention Tests

Tests at the U. S. Department of Agriculture Experiment Station show that for the first time, the common cattle grub can be prevented from development within cattle.

The chemical designated for experimental purposes known as Dow ET-57, which is an organic-Phospate chemical, is fed to grub-infested animals. It moves through the bodies of cattle to destroy grubs wherever they may occur in the animal's flesh. The grubs are then absorbed and eliminated through body wastes.

These first highly promising experimental results are considered a milestone in research progress toward development of a grub-control chemical that can be used by livestock men.

Current tests under way now are designed to determine the suitability of the material in terms of grub control, toxic effects on the animals and chemical residues in milk or meat.

Tests will begin this summer in Virginia. It is estimated that cattle grub costs the livestock industry an estimated $100 millon a year in losses of meat, milk and damaged hides. The pest is presently controlled by use of the insecticide rotenone to treat the grub after it makes an emergence hole on the hide on the back of an animal. This type control assures some protection against future infestation. However, it goes into effect only after the grub has spent some seven months developing as a parasite within the body of the animal.

Tomato Mosaic

There are several viruses which affect tomatoes, some will completely dwarf plants, others will give the leave a shoestring-like effect and others will merely produce a mottled effect on the leaves. All of these viruses are spread from infected plants, either by insects or by the grower when he prunes or works the tomatoes.

If your tomatoes have any of these viruses, be careful not to prune or handle healthy plants after you have worked with the diseased plants. Sprays or dusts do not control viruses, except when they control the insect carriers.

Artificial Breeding

January 1st, 1956, there were 661,497 herds enrolled in 1,502 Artificial Breeding Associations in the United States. During the year 1955, 5,413,874 cows were bred artificially. This is the largest number of Associations, herds enrolled and cows bred since the beginning of Artificial breeding in this country. Compared with previous year, this was an increase of 26 or 1.9% in the number of Associations; an increase of 68,307 or 11.5% in the number of herds enrolled; an increase of 258,634, or 5% in the number of cows bred.

Wisconsin maintains its lead again in the number of cows bred artificially. In 1955, 1,293,000 cows were bred artificially in that state. In Virginia, 50,364 cows were bred by artificial means.

Artificial insemination provides an easy method for dairymen and individual cow owners to improve the quality of cattle and quantity of milk produced on the farm. Herds not presently enrolled should be enrolled in an Artificial Breeding Association so that they too can have an opportunity to derive the benefits now available from artificial breeding.

Tobacco Planting

There are many suggestions we would make to help farmers get a good stand of tobacco this year. (1) Prepare the land well. (2) Remove the plant bed cover a few days before time to transplant to toughen the plants. (3) Grade your plants and use every effort to use only stocky plants that are free of disease and insect injury. (4) Wet your plant bed before you start to pull plants. (5) Water and plant. (6) If wireworms are a problem, use one of the recommended materials in your transplant water. this number, 528 have been tested this year, or 11.6%. Of this number, only five have been found to be reactors to Bangs disease. All owners of cattle are urged to have their cattle tested at least once a year in order that brucellosis might be eliminated from all herds in Appomattox County.

It is estimated that there are 1,245 heifers in the county. Of this number, only ninety have been vaccinated this year, or 7.2%. To control Bangs disease, it is necessary not only to test, but also to vaccinate young heifers 4 to 8 months of age if the disease is to be eradicated. Owners of cattle can have calves vaccinated at federal expense and should do so when these calves are approximately 6 months of age. On most farms, it necessitates a veterinarian coming to the farm at least twice a year.

Combine Season

In a few weeks, many farmers in Appomattox County will be in the small grain harvesting the 1956 crop. It is important that a check-up be made now of the machinery to determine if it is in proper working condition. A careful inspection of your combine will insure trouble-free and economical harvesting during the coming season. Your implement dealer will be able to give you more help now than during the harvest time when a last minute rush always occurs. A well-stocked dealer's repair inventory can be depleted in a hurry.

All belts, chains, drapers, slip clutches, bearings, elevators, sieves, tires, etc. should be checked for wear and breakage, and should be repaired or replaced as needed. It is very important that all parts of the combine be working properly for it to do a good job.

After a thorough inspection and overhaul, lubricate the combine properly and adjust it according to the manufacturer's directions.

Quality Milk

Quality milk production is a sure way for dairy farmers to keep milk sales up during the summer months. Production of quality milk during warm weather requires strict attention to the control of off-flavors and bacterial contamination.

The most effective control of off-flavors coming from pasture is taking the milking herd off pasture at least four or five hours before milking. To guard against silage flavors in milk, feed silage after milking.

Low quality milk due to high bacteria counts is a serious threat to any dairy farmer. This is especially true during spring and summer when conditions are most favorable for bacteria growth.

Dirty utensils and milking equipment are the greatest single cause of bacterial contamination in milk. Points dairy farmers want to watch are open seams, cracks, dents and scratches in utensils and milking equipment, in worn nd cracked rubber parts of milking machines, and in suction hoses or pipelines where dirt may collect. When such defects are found, replace the faulty equipment with new equipment.

Clean utensils and milking equipment promptly after using. The following procedure is recommended for all dairy farmers: Rinse all equipment in warm or cold water immediately after use to remove the film of milk. Rinsing in hot water will cause milk solids to stick to the surfaces of the equipment, making the washing harder. Next, scrub all equipment with a good stiff brush, using hot water and a soapless cleanser. Third, rinse all equipment in scalding water, at a temperature of at least 180 degrees. Upend the equipment on racks to drain and dry. Just before the next milking, rinse the equipment with a fresh sanitizing solution. Be sure all surfaces are sanitized.

Careless washing of equipment permits the build-up of milk-stone and other deposits which usually harbor great numbers of bacteria.

The production of entirely bacteria free milk is next to impossible, for growth must be controlled. This is best done by rapid cooling of the milk to temperatures of 50 degrees or lower.

Worried farmers don't buy farm equipment, dealers say.

Banga Disease

It is estimated that Appomattox County has 4,566 head of cows. Of

A.H.S. Newscas

By Peggy Wooten

Hello There!

If you could witness the exciting moments that are being spent at A. H. S. in these last few weeks of the current school year, you would probably sum it up as being a most confusing time. But we who live these moments know it means work and more work before play.

The Senior Class will be honored with a prom, given by the Junior Class under the supervision of the two wonderful Junior sponsors, Mrs. Gertrude Morris and Miss Harriett Holley, tonight. The theme for this dance will be the Manhattan - Moonlight Promenade. We know that everyone will have an unforgetable time.

The time has come to make schedules for the coming year. This schedule will soon be run and tried out. While this is in progress, the Seniors are found busy practicing for their commencement exercises. The Class Night program, entitled "The Senior Merry-Go-Round," will be held June 1.

The S. C. A. officers, both present and future, are practicing and getting ready for their installation service. We want to take this time to wish the future council much success!

The sixth period shorthand class, under the instruction of Mrs. Lucille Ferrell, took a tour of Phillips Business College yesterday. The girls found it very interesting. Those who went were Carol Myers, Gail Hillman, Peggy Wooten, Doris Canada, June C. Thornhill, Geraldine Lucado, Agnes Davidson, Mary C. Conner, Margaret Deaner, and Alice Shumaker. Some of our students will attend there during the summer or fall.

The F. B. L. A. is bubbling about its "Hobo Party," to be held Friday night. At this time the 1956 session of the F. B. L. A. Hobo Convention will be held. It sounds like loads of fun!

Another trip was taken by our students over the week-end. Many of the Science Club members, with their leader, Mr. Godsey, went to Washington, D. C.

Exams are coming up regular exams are taken 28, 29, 31.

We shall have to me studying in order to fin ful year. The Senior this coming Monday.

The F. H. A. held meeting Tuesday. The students modeled the they had made. There quite a few good seamst class.

The Commercial Co will issue the last newspaper next week. The news is set for tomorrow The new staff will be nounced next week.

As we listen to the Club in the distance, the Alma Mater, we are sure there are only three m and only three more casts for this year. Th a sad occasion for the but not too sad when th down through the ru the wonderful talent courage and everything to go forward; that th ready and willing to s its share.

See you next week.

Peggy

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, May 14.- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rosser entertained as guests with a supper night. Those present were and Mrs. Lawrence Nash, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Seyand Mrs. Eulelia Martin, Kinkle and Mrs. Luther Nash, Nash and Lawrence Nash

Nash, from Camp Bel- visited his parents, Mr. and Nash Sunday evening.

and Mrs. Ralph Lucado and Roanoke spent the week- with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucado.

James Whitehead left last for a ten-day convention of L. C. W. U., which is being at Atlantic City, N. J.

Thelma and Karan Payne this week with their in Irvin, Tenn.

B. Harris, who has been in Richmond, returned

and Mrs. Carl Ferguson the week-end with her parents, and Mrs. T. D. Harris, of Appo-

and Mrs. Raymond Kress aunt in Petersburg Sun-

and Mrs. Emory Davis and spent Sunday with her Etta Walker, of Burke-

Those who visited Mrs. L. N. Ligon Mother's Day were her children Mrs. and Mrs. L. N. of Williaston, N. C.; Mr. James G. Ligon and family, N. C.; and Mr. and

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Mrs. W. H. Ligon II and family, of Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard spent the week-end with their children in Richmond. While there her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Petitjean served a large crowd a bountiful lunch Sunday, honoring her mother. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hubbard Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swinson Jr. and family, Mrs. Ora Dowdy and son, Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hubbard and family, all of Richmond, and Mr. S. R. Hubbard.

The Sunday visitors of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Robinson were Miss Ernestine Southall, of Norfolk; Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall Jr. and son, of Louisa, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson Southall and son, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Norton Miller Southall, of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeter Ligon and sons, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Those who visited Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. George Ivins and daughters, Linda and Karen, of Warwick, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kawalsky and children, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Eunice Baldwin and sons, Billy and Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Carol Layne and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nash, of Roanoke spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Price and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bushy and children, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolley Sunday.

Those who visited Mr. Tom Davis Sunday were Mrs. Winnie Franklin and Miss Gladys Franklin, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeatts and children, of Farmville. Also Mr. James Williams and Miss Verna Coleman, of Farmville.

Mrs. W. S. Cumby is spending this week in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Charlie Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Winchester spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Clark.

Those who visited Mrs. Robert Garrison Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Olney Ryan and Betty Frances, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garrison and daughter, Becky, of Forest, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray, and Stevie.

Miss Mary Garrison visited her friend, Mrs. Andy Anderson, of Rivermont, recently.

Mrs. Robert Garrison visited Mrs. Tom Garrison, of Madisonville Monday.

The World Bank lends $19,350,000 to Burma.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 15.- Kenneth Jamerson is sick at this writing.

Mrs. J. H. Cyrus, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and children spent Sunday in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Almond, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Walker Walton visited her father Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carson, Jr., and daughter spent Mother's Day in the home of her parents at Massie's Mill.

Mrs. W. J. Walton and daughter, Louise spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Georgia Schindler, of Spout Spring, are spending a few days this week in Richmond.

NEGRO EXTENSION NEWS

G. L James, Farm Agent

Many people have been asking about the Farmers Conference, that is usually held in April at Va. State College. This program has been changed to Farm and Home Week, and will be held July 9 - 12 at Va. State College, Petersburg, Va. The theme for this year's program is "Strengthening Home and Family Living."

The quota of delegates per county—men and women—is ten persons. The cost per person, including meals and lodging for the conference is $6.00. Registration will take place at the college on July 9 between the hours of 2 and 5 P. M.

Please let me know if you are interested in making this conference, so arrangements for travel can be made.

The 4-H deelgates who will attend and represent Appomattox 4-H Clubs to the 4-H Short Course in June, and the Wildlife Camp in August are: Short Course: Ora Scruggs, Celestine Chambers; the boys: William Forbes, Otis Walker, Herbert Williams, James Ferguson, Charles Jones. To the Wildlife Camp: Hershel Forbes, Nugene Harvey, Robert Hix.

The 4-H members who received name plates for their mail boxes this year are: Carl Walker, William Forbes, Edward Walker, Herbert Williams. These members are also receiving their subscription to the National 4-H Club News magazine.

The County-wide 4-H picnic will be held June 8—at Prince Edward Lake in Prince Edward County.

Clover Hill

Clover Hill, May 15.- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock and sons, Frankie and Steve, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Also visiting the Torrences in the afternoon were Mrs. W. L. Turnes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman, of Vera; Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Gilliam and daughter, Nancy Gail, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and sons, Calvin and Robert Wayne, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter visited relatives at Shipman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kidd spent the week-end with their parents at Glade Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Torrence and John Torrence motored to Hillsboro, N. C. Sunday and also visited relatives at Raleigh.

Mrs. Wilson Paulette had with her for Mother's Da y all of her children except one—Mr. and Mrs. William Paulette and son, Steve, of Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paulette, of Irvington, Va., and Messrs. Gene and Jerry Paulette.

Mrs. A. F. Godsey joined her brothers and sisters on Sunday for a Mother's Day get-together at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gowin visited Mrs. Gowin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Handy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith, of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Major Gowin, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors in the R. A. Gowin home.

Miss Eulelia Robertson, of Charlottesville visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Quinn, Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson and Cawthorn Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Moorman Tuck, of Lynchburg.

Visiting Mrs. T. R. Richardson during the week-end were her children from this community and also Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson and two children, Nancy and Billy, of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and son, Rudy, of Lynchburg.

Miss Anita Richardson had her tonsils removed at a Lynchburg hospital last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Johndroe, of Boston, Mass., and son-in-law, Robert Lytel, of Norfolk, were guests of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Gills over the week-end. Also visiting in the Gills home were Miss Lucy O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. William Saville, Mrs. Allen Gills and daughters, Jo and Carolyn, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Cornelia Conner, of Halifax; Mrs. Mary Copenhaver, of Richmond; Mr. Hugh Gills, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Henry Gills, of Buckingham, and Mrs. Allen O'Brien and Mrs. Mildred Alvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Quinn left today for Wilmington, Del; where they will attend the funeral of Mr. Quinn's uncle.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, May 16.- Fred and Bob Lawhorne, of Washington, D. C., visited their sister, Mrs. Sam Thornhill Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps, of Bedford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crafton are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at Virginia Baptist Hospital May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wilkerson, of South Boston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and Laura were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Lillie Garbee, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Elsie Cardwell was a weekend visitor of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

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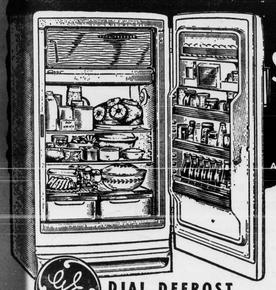

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